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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

At the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, our mission is to translate our faith into cooperative action which ministers to the spiritual, social, physical, economic and emotional needs of our neighbors in Buncombe County. We are always looking for opportunities that provide our congregations the ability to grow. We are in support of the proposed cable broadband merger of Charter, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks because we believe it will bring much needed jobs and economic development to our region.

The combined company, New Charter, will bring hundreds of American jobs back to the U.S., by relocating Time Warner Cable's overseas job centers back to our shores. This will allow them to hire and train thousands of new American workers, providing benefits, opportunities for advancement and adding to the economic fabric of our community. This will also improve customer service, as well.

Critically important, New Charter will practice and advance Time Warner Cable's award-winning diversity and inclusion initiatives. They'll continue to partner with nonprofits to promote diversity in their hiring, including with the Women in Cable Telecommunications, the National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications, and the veterans and disability community. We are particularly interested in their cross-cultural mentoring program, which provides employees opportunity to build their skills.

The initiative that we think will serve our community the most, however, is New Charter's plan to extend its services in economically disadvantaged communities. They'll work with low income families to provide high speed internet at a discounted rate, so that income isn't a hindrance to access.

We believe New Charter can do some good for our community, and ask that you vote in support of the merger.

Sincerely,

Reverend Scott Rogers
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